Infrastructural development at Chennai airport

1474. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chennai has recorded a higher growth rate in passenger traffic and aircraft movement according to the report of the Airports Authority of India (AAI);

(b) whether the AAI has demanded for the infrastructural development in the Chennai airport terminals; and

(c) what development projects are proposed for other airports in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Chennai Airport recorded growth rate of 19.5% in aircraft movement and 23.7% in passenger traffic during 2004-05 over 2003-04, against the all India growth rate of 11.9% and 21.5% for aircraft movement and passenger traffic respectively.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The development proposals are as follows:

Trichy airport:- strengthening and extension of runway to 7500 feet and associated works at a cost of Rs. 25.93 crores; construction of new integrated terminal complex at a cost of Rs. 74.7 crores; strengthening and expansion of apron with new link taxiways at an estimated cost of Rs. 10.00 crores. Madurai airport:- strengthening and extension of runway to 7500 feet and associated works at a cost of Rs. 35.25 crores; construction of new integrated terminal complex at a cost of Rs. 70 crores.

Coimbatore airport:- strengthening and extension of runway from 8500 feet to 9000 feet along with allied works Phase-II including expansion of apron and link taxiway at a cost of Rs. 35.25 crores and expansion and modification of terminal building complex for accommodating limited international operations at a cost of Rs. 45.00 crores.

Training of CAT-III Operation

†1475. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of domestic airlines whose pilots have been imparted

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.